

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1 (currently amended) In a method of playing a game of NO BUST 21, BLACKJACK, ~~(BLACKJACK)~~ with a standard deck of cards to which two or more jokers added where;

a natural hand consisting of two jokers outranks all other hands;

a hand has a total point value of "21" when it includes a joker;

a player has an option of hitting or splitting a pair when the dealer's face-up card is not a joker;

the dealer must hit to acquire a final hand that has a total point value that is "17" ~~(not a soft 17)~~, not a soft 17, or greater;

when a final hand of the player and the final hand of the dealer have total point values that are greater than "21" and the total point value of the player's final hand is less than or equal to the total point value of the dealer's final hand, it is regarded as a push; when the total point values are each greater than "21", with the dealer point value being closer to "21" than the player point value, the player loses;

the improvement comprising the step of giving the player a second chance hit option of having the dealer replace a draw card that causes the player's hand to bust.

2 (original). In the method of claim 1 wherein the player cannot call for an additional hit after having exercised said second chance hit option.

3 (original). In the method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of giving the player a surrender option after a hit that does not cause the player to bust.

4 (original). In the method of claim 2 comprising the additional step of giving the player an option of doubling down on any hand that has a total point value less than "21".

5 (original). In the method of claim 4, the additional step of giving the player an option of forfeiting a portion of a double down wager in exchange for one or more hits.

6 (original). In the method of claim 4 wherein said player has an option of doubling down on a hand resulting from a split.